

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the specification, page 1, line 4, after "1999,", --now U.S. Patent No. 6,656,393, -- has been inserted

In the claims

Claim 1, line 14 "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--; line 16, --first— has been inserted before "electroplated"; line 19, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--; line 24, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated—

Claim 9, line 13 "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--; line 14, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated—; line 16, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--; line 24, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated—

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Okun on November 6, 2009.

/Mathieu D. Vargot/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1791